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## **GOP Delivers President the Ink to Veto Bloated Democrat Spending Bills**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), the Chairman of the [Republican Study Committee](#) (RSC), and Rep. John Campbell, Chairman of the RSC Budget & Spending Taskforce, today delivered [a letter](#) to President Bush, signed by [147 Republicans](#), pledging to uphold his veto of bloated Democrat spending bills. The two RSC members were joined by Republican Leader John Boehner, Republican Whip Blunt, Republican Conference Chairman Adam Putnam, RSC Member and Ranking Member on the House Budget Committee Paul Ryan, and Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Committee Congressman Jerry Lewis. The veto pledge is a part of a larger RSC strategy to ensure responsibility and accountability in the federal spending process. Their statements are below:

### **Hensarling Statement:**

**“The ‘new’ Democrat majority has turned out to be the same as the Democrat tax-and-spend majorities of old. So far this year, the Democrats have passed the largest tax increase in history and authorized over \$140 billion for new, non-defense related spending. The free-spending Democrats must be held accountable to the taxpayers that pay their salaries, and we are proud to empower the President to do just that. The President has the veto pen ready, and we are going to supply him with the ink.”**

**“The Republican Study Committee is leading a united GOP effort to protect American taxpayers, and we intend to continue to use all means within our power to highlight the Democrats’ empty promises of fiscal responsibility while working to ensure that taxpayers are protected from the massive tax hikes that fuel their runaway spending. The federal budget cannot be permitted to exceed American families’ ability to pay for it. Rarely have Republicans been as united as they are today in trying to save the family budget from the onslaught of the federal budget, and I want to thank Leader Boehner and the entire House Republican Leadership for their efforts to rally our Conference around this important cause.”**

**Campbell Statement:**

**“I am pleased that my Republican colleagues stuck together to send a loud message to American Taxpayers that we will not sit idly by as Washington recklessly spends their hard earned money.**

**“It is unconscionable that Nancy Pelosi and Democratic leaders continue to talk out of both sides of their mouth on the subject – on one side vowing to bring fiscal responsibility to Congress, and on the other, boosting spending to unprecedented levels and creating the biggest tax increase in American history. I am grateful that President Bush took time to meet with us today, and congratulate all my colleagues who signed this important letter to bring fiscal sanity back to our federal government.”**

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